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1 **Nature Center's Extreme Makeover**

When the Nature Center's new Wergeland Family Discovery Center opens July 22, you'll encounter endangered Green Sea Turtles, mysterious Moon Jellies, Rainbow Trout, Moray Eels and Spiny Lobsters. A variety of all new live animal exhibits promises to entertain and educate visitors of all ages.



The festive grand opening ceremony is scheduled at 11 a.m. and admission is free all day. Shuttle buses will begin running at 10 a.m. from the parking lot at the foot of E Street and continue making 15-20 minute loops until the center closes at 5 p.m.

Generous support from many individual donors, local foundations and businesses, and various government agencies made this project possible.

Visit the website at www.chulavistaca.gov or call (619) 409-5900 for more information.

2 **Stop on Red Week**

Lives are lost and people are seriously injured when drivers run a red light. According to a recent survey of Chula Vista residents, running red lights is all too common-- 28 percent said they witness it on a daily basis.

In an effort to reduce collisions and save lives, the City's Engineering and Police Departments are putting together a comprehensive traffic initiative, which includes recognition of national Stop on Red Week, coming up August 6-12.

Collisions caused by drivers who don't stop on red, are among the most devastating crashes with almost half resulting in injury. Despite the dangers, fifty-six percent of Americans admit they've run red lights, often in an effort to save time.

Please join us in making an extra effort to stop on red, not just one week in August, but every week of the year. Running a red light is a risk you don't want to take.

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3 National Night Out

Send a message that you're committed to building a safer community by participating in the annual "National Night Out" event, July 30. Turn on your porch lights, meet the neighbors and stop by Veterans Park to send a powerful anti-crime message that emphasizes neighborhood unity and awareness.

In "National Night Out" events across the nation, more than 34 million people in at least 10,000 communities will join forces to promote police and community partnerships. The countrywide theme is,

Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party.

Join our going away party at Veterans Park from noon to 4 p.m. Several City departments including Recreation and Police, are teaming up with the Sunbow Neighborhood Watch group, local businesses and Target-- the national sponsor-- to offer a day of family fun and an array of safety, health and crime prevention information and resources.

4 Deadline for Veterans

Applications for Chula Vista's Veteran of the Year are due July 15. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this important position, please fill out

an application and send it to Chula Vista Police Captain Leonard Miranda at 315 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, 91910.

5 Free Concerts

Music In The Park," a free summer concert series, moves to Veteran's Park in July. Select the band that plays your favorite music—patriotic, R&B, Latin jazz, Big Band, surfing and oldies—and settle in for a delightful evening of entertainment. Each month the concert venue changes to another park. All of the concerts will be presented on Sundays from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

This annual musical event is presented by the Chula Vista Office of Arts and Culture. For more information, call the City of Chula Vista's events line at (619) 585-5682 or visit www.chulavistaca.gov. Veterans Park is located at 785 East Palomar Street.

July 2: NO CONCERT

July 9: Scott Martin's Latin Soul Band; Latin jazz

July 16: The Players; '60s, '70s, and '80s

July 23: Ron Jermain Big Band featuring Jo Dark; '40s Swing

July 30: Air National Guard Band of the Southwest; Patriotic

6 Christmas in October

Thanks to the efforts of volunteers across the city, Christmas in October is coming to Chula Vista for its eighth straight year, Saturday, October 7. Applications for the program are now being accepted from Chula Vista residents who meet the eligibility requirements and have a home in need of repair.

Every October, hundreds of volunteers grab a paintbrush or a hammer to make wishes come true for homeowners in need. Repairs and improvements are free to the selected homeowners who qualify for the program. Beneficiaries are often disabled, low income or elderly members of the community who haven't been able to keep up with maintaining their homes.



Applications must be submitted by August 7 and are available at Fire Station 1, located at 447 F Street. To volunteer or find out more about the program, call (619) 691-5213.

7 Celebrate Independence Day

On **July 3**—Enjoy an afternoon of all-American fun with contests that include watermelon eating, a water balloon toss, potato sack races, and pie eating contests. It's all part of **Red, White and Blue Day**, a free event for all ages scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Loma Verde Recreation Center, 1420 Loma Lane. Call (619) 691-5082 for more information.

On **July 4**—**Celebrate Chula Vista**, an event sponsored by the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce, returns to the bayfront. Enjoy good food, exciting entertainment, the Business Expo and fantastic attractions for the kids from noon to 9 p.m.

Afterwards, stick around for the spectacular **fireworks** sponsored by the City's Recreation Department. Watch from anywhere along the bayfront and tune in to KYYX-FM (96.5) for a musical simulcast that adds another lively dimension to the show. Parking will be at a premium, so remember that free shuttle bus service for the fireworks will be provided by Chula Vista Transit. Hop on board at the H Street trolley station. Shuttle buses will run every 10 minutes to Quay and Bayside Parkway beginning at 4 p.m.

For more information about the event or about the shuttle service, call (619) 585-5682.



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Park with a View

One of the most scenic spots in the city is Mountain Hawk Park in EastLake Vistas, a neighborhood park that officially opens this month. The public is invited to the July 20 grand opening at 5 p.m. Mountain Hawk overlooks Lower Otay Lakes and has spectacular views of the water and mountains. It's the fifth new park to open in less than three months. Visit and you'll see why it's the perfect spot for weddings and other special occasions.

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